

To the Hon.^{ble} William Dummer Esq. Lieut. Governor and
Commander in Chief the Hon.^{ble} Council and House of Represen-
tatives at their sessions in May 1727
The Petition of us the Subscribers inhabitants of the South-
erly part of the Town of Marlborough Humbly sheweth

That whereas Divine Providence which Appoints the Bounds
and habitations of all men hath so ordered our Lots or at least
the most of us that we are at such a distance from the place
of Publick worship that our selves but especially our aged and
infirm together with our Women and little ones cannot comforta-
bly endure the necessary travel that they are forced unto
for the attaining an opportunity at the place of Publick Worship
and likewise others whose lots although not at present so
deficull as the other aforesaid yet considering that it is but a
point of Christian duty and charity to compassionate the
Circumstances of such and having also obtained a vote of the
Town of Marlborough in our favour to be set of as a separte Town
by such bounds as is Described by the vote of the Town & the plan
herewith annexed and likewise for a farther manifestation of the
aforesaid Town of Marlboroughs good will towards us in the matter
have by their vote directed their select men to sign or order an
assignment with us as petitioners to this Honourable Court upon
upon the consideration of the whole we have some reason to
think Providence favours the matter and have hope of a Blessing
Wherefore we humbly petition this Honourable Court that we the
Inhabitance of the aforesd Southerly part of the Town of Marlborough
being about fifty families already settled with some preparation for
more may be set of by such bounds as described by the aforesd vote of
the Town for setting us of & more fully set forth in the plan herewith
annexed & with the Land may be incorporated into a Town & that
and enjoy all immunities Priviledges Rights & power as other Towns
within this Province have and do by Law enjoy & we your
Humble Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray

Persuant to a Vote of the Town of
Marlborough bearing date June 12. 1727
Directing the major part of the Select
or the whole of them to sign a petition
to the General Court with the
Inhabitance of Stony brook being the
Southerly part of the Town for a
confirmation of the same

Joseph Straten
Eliazer Flow
John Sherman
Samuel Brigham
Abraham Dager } Select
men

William Ward
William Johnson
John Bellows
David Fray
John Woods
Daniel Taylor
Nathany Brigham
Nath. Joslin
John Mathis Jun.
David Bruce
William Johnson Jun.

Jonathan Witt
 John Amosden
 Jon^d. Newton
 Joseph Woods
 Roger Bruse
 Othniel Taylor
 Daniel Newton
 Isaac Bellows
 Samuel Bellows
 Robert Horn
 John Newton
 Joseph Ball
 Abram Newton
 Ephraim Newton
 Benjamin Newton
 Caleb Witherbe
 Sam^l. Lyscome
 Eliazer Bellows
 John Belknap
 Isaac Newton
 Joseph Witherbe
 Samuel Gibbs
 Timothy Johnson
 David Woods
 Zachariah Moras
 Benjamin Mixer
 John Bellows
 Moses Johnson

In the House of Representatives June 29 1727 Read and Ordered that
 the Prayer of the petition be granted and that the Petitioners have leave to
 bring in a Bill accordingly Sent up for Consideration

In Council July 3. 1727 Read & Concur'd

Wm^d Quality Secy
 Willard Secy